

Wisconsin September Hog Inventory Unchanged From June

Wisconsin's hog inventory on September 1 totaled 420,000 head. This total is unchanged from June. Similarly, market hogs, at 370,000 head, and breeding hogs, at 50,000 head, did not fluctuate from June. Compared to last year, overall hog numbers are down 20,000 head. The reduction in hog inventory compared to one year ago is due to fewer market hogs. The state's breeding herd has remained constant over the past six quarters.

The state's June - August 2005 quarter pig crop amounted to 218,000 head, up slightly from the previous year and quarter. Sows farrowing during the quarter numbered 25,000 head, an additional 1,000 head compared to the last three month period. Sows farrowing have showed little deviation during the last four quarters, a reflection of the static breeding inventory. Pigs per litter averaged 8.70, compared to 8.85 last year and 8.75 last quarter. Wisconsin's hog producers intend to have 24,000 sows farrow during the next two quarters.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2005, was 61.5 million head. This was up narrowly from September 1, 2004, and 1 percent above this past June. Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, showed a minimal increase relative to the previous quarter and previous year. Market hog inventory, at 55.6 million head, reflected little change from the previous year but was up 2 percent compared to June.

The June - August 2005 U.S. pig crop, at 26.3 million head, was up subtly from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down just 7,000 head from last year. Sows farrowing represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.07 for the June - August 2005 period, compared to 9.01 last year.

Hogs and Pigs on Farms, September 1

Selected states	Breeding 2005	Change 2005/04	Market 2005	Change 2005/04	Total hogs 2005	Change 2005/04
	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent
Wisconsin	50	n.c.	370	-5	420	-5
Illinois	420	+2	3,630	+1	4,050	+1
Indiana	300	n.c.	2,750	-7	3,050	-6
Iowa	1,080	+2	15,420	+1	16,500	+1
Michigan	100	n.c.	810	-4	910	-3
Minnesota	600	+2	6,200	+3	6,800	+3
N. Carolina	1,020	-1	9,080	-2	10,100	-2
U.S.	5,972	n.c.	55,563	n.c.	61,536	n.c.

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, June-August

Selected states	Sows farrowing 2005	Change 2005/04	Litter rate 2005	Pig crop 2005	Change 2005/04
	1,000 head	Percent	Number	1,000 head	Percent
Wisconsin	25	+4	8.70	218	+3
Illinois	205	-2	8.90	1,825	-2
Indiana	140	n.c.	8.90	1,246	-1
Iowa	450	+2	9.00	4,050	+3
Michigan	46	-4	9.25	426	-4
Minnesota	280	-2	9.30	2,604	+1
N. Carolina	560	n.c.	9.10	5,096	-1
U.S.	2,898	n.c.	9.07	26,273	n.c.

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.

Farrowing Intentions

Selected states	Sept.-Nov. 2005	Change 2005/04	Dec. 2005-Feb. 2006	Change 2006/2005
	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent
Wisconsin	24	-4	24	n.c.
Illinois	205	-2	205	-2
Indiana	135	n.c.	140	+8
Iowa	460	n.c.	460	+5
Michigan	49	+7	47	+7
Minnesota	280	-2	280	+2
N. Carolina	540	-2	540	n.c.
U.S.	2,888	n.c.	2,875	+1

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office.